Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[ ]].

In brief, claims 2–11, 22, 23, and 25 have been canceled, without prejudice; claims 1, 15, 19, 21, and 24 have been amended; and new claims 26–38 have been added.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of bone fixation, comprising:

securing a bone plate to at least one bone, or portion thereof, such that the bone plate is disposed under skin; and

adjusting a relative disposition of plate members of the bone plate by relative movement of the plate members via an adjustable joint that connects the plate members and observation of reference marks ~~that are distinct from the adjustable joint~~, the reference marks being disposed on the bone plate and being configured to indicate a plurality of predefined adjustments**,**

wherein the step of adjusting includes a step of manipulating a handle portion that is connected removably to a plate member.

2–13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) A method of bone fixation, comprising:

securing plate members of a bone plate to a radius bone such that the bone plate is disposed under skin; and

adjusting a relative disposition of the plate members by relative movement of the plate members and observation of reference marks, the reference marks being disposed on at least one of the plate members and being configured to indicate a plurality of predefined adjustments.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising a step of selecting an adjustment to the relative disposition, wherein the adjustment is applied during the step of adjusting, **wherein the step of securing includes a step of attaching the plate members to the radius bone with a plurality of fasteners,** and wherein the step of **attaching** ~~securing~~ is performed before the step of selecting.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising a step of cutting the radius bone before the step of securing to form a cut region flanked by fragments of a radius bone.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the step of cutting excises a segment of the radius bone.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the step of selecting an adjustment includes a step of measuring an angular disposition of one or more fragments of the radius bone.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, the predefined adjustments corresponding to a set of predefined numerical values, further comprising a step of selecting a numerical value before the step of adjusting, [[and]] wherein the step of adjusting inc ludes a step of moving **at least one of** the plate members until the reference marks indicate that the numerical value has been reached.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising a step of presetting the relative disposition by relative movement of the plate members prior to the steps of securing plate members and adjusting a relative disposition.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, **wherein the step of securing includes a step of attaching the plate members to the at least one bone with a plurality of fasteners, and** wherein the step of adjusting is performed **after the step of attaching** ~~with the bone plate secured to the at least one bone~~.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, **wherein the step of securing includes a step of attaching the plate members to the radius bone with a plurality of fasteners, and** wherein the step of adjusting is performed **after the step of attaching** ~~with the plate members secured to the radius bone~~.

25. (Canceled)

26. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of securing a bone plate includes a step of securing the bone plate to a radius bone.

27. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of adjusting a relative disposition includes a step of pivoting a plate member relative to another plate member.

28. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of adjusting a relative disposition includes a step of moving a plate member translationally relative to another plate member.

29. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of adjusting a relative disposition includes a step of observing reference marks that include numbers.

30. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of adjusting a relative disposition includes a step of observing a set of reference marks, and wherein the set of reference marks includes line segments, dots, or both.

31. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the reference marks include a landmark on a plate member and a set of regularly spaced marks on another plate member, and wherein the step of adjusting includes a step of comparing the regularly spaced marks to the landmark to measure the relative disposition.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein at least one of the regularly spaced marks corresponds to a standard setting and is further denoted relative to the remaining regularly spaced marks by alternative and/or additional indicia.

33. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of adjusting a relative disposition includes a step of pivoting a plate member relative to another plate member.

34. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of adjusting a relative disposition includes a step of moving a plate member translationally relative to another plate member.

35. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of adjusting a relative disposition includes a step of observing reference marks that include numbers.

36. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of adjusting a relative disposition includes a step of observing a set of reference marks, and wherein the set includes line segments, dots, or both.

37. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the reference marks include a landmark on a plate member and a set of regularly spaced marks on another plate

member, and wherein the step of adjusting includes a step of comparing the regularly spaced marks to the landmark to measure the relative disposition.

38. (New) The method of claim 37, wherein at least one of the regularly spaced marks corresponds to a standard setting and is further denoted relative to the remaining regularly spaced marks by alternative and/or additional indicia.